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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

### California Department of Transportation TCM Substitution

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is considering the replacement of a Transportation Control Measure (TCM) in Riverside County. Replacement of this project requires SCAG Regional Council action and an administrative amendment to the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). The RTIP is a short-range program that implements the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) by identifying federal, state and local funding sources and amounts for specific transportation projects.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to convert an existing full time HOV lane to a part time lane in both directions on an eight mile segment of the SR-60. The proposed segment would begin just east of the SR-60 and Interstate 215 junction and would continue to Redlands Boulevard. The conversion would last for a period of three years at which time it will revert back to a full time HOV lane. The HOV lane would be HOV only between the hours of 6 AM and 10 AM and also between 3 PM and 7 PM. The HOV lane would be open to single occupant vehicles the remaining hours of the day. Signage will be installed to inform motorists of the new hours of operation. No additional changes (striping, ingress/egress, etc.) are proposed.

Replacement of a TCM must meet the requirements set forth in the Clean Air Act section 176(c) as revised by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). TCMs and the process for replacing these measures are contained in Appendix IV-C of the Air Quality Management Plan/State Implementation Plan (AQMP/SIP). The AQMP specifies procedures for replacing individual projects in the SCAG region.

This notice serves to formally announce a 30-day review and comment period for the proposed TCM substitution.

A draft report that includes technical analysis of emissions benefits associated with the proposed TCM substitution and detailed project and cost information is available on SCAG's website <http://www.scag.ca.gov/tcwg/index.htm>. SCAG's Regional Council is scheduled to consider approving TCM substitution on March 1, 2007. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM February 9, 2007.

Please direct comments to:

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